On page 2, please delete lines 2 and 3, and replace them with the following:

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In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A device for enabling immediate recording of a new message on a partially recorded <u>flash memory digital</u> recording medium without a delay caused by searching for blank memory available for recording on the <u>flash memory digital</u> recording medium, said device comprising:

a solid state digital hand held recording device having a multifunctional switch assembly and a <u>separate</u> record switch assembly, a <u>flash memory</u> digital recording medium including a region forming a continuity of pre-recorded messages, a printed circuit board including a microcontroller electrically coupled to the switch assemblies and operable to control the processing of sound into electrical signals, and store said electrical signals on the <u>flash memory digital</u> recording medium;

recording means coupled to the circuit board and activated by the record switch assembly and including means for (i) searching for an end of a last recorded message, (ii) identifying a point after the end of the last recorded message where the new message

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